

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-11 and 13 are pending. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are independent. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

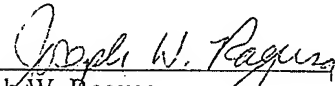
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, 3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. As these claims have been so rewritten¹, they are believed in condition for allowance.

The other claims are dependent upon one of claims 2, 3 or 5 and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as their base claim.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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¹ Certain redundant terminology was also removed from claim 3 to improve the form of that claim.